

GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

13 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Status of National Security Programs on
30 June 1956

1. In accordance with your request, IAC-D-55/11, 22 June 1956, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) submits the following status report for your consideration.

2. The Guided Missile Intelligence Committee was established by the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) on 31 January 1956 with approved terms of reference. This action was in consonance with DCID 4/5, which places guided missiles within the highest priority category of national intelligence objectives.

3. Since the establishment of the Committee, considerable effort has been placed on the integration of new intelligence providing guidance to collectors, and the investigation of new methods for the collection of guided missile intelligence information. Specific accomplishments of the Committee to date are listed below:

a. The Committee is at present engaged in preparing coordinated contributions to the new estimate on guided missiles, NIE 11-5-56, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Guided Missile Field," which is scheduled for consideration by the IAC on 18 September 1956.

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b. Investigated the feasibility of a [redacted] request for US support to [redacted] project and recommended that the IAC consider favorably the testing of [redacted]. The testing of [redacted] this equipment is being conducted in the US at the present time.

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c. Studied a [redacted] proposal regarding [redacted] as applied to guided missiles and concluded

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that [REDACTED] is a feasible mechanism for the collection of certain elements of guided missile intelligence; and that there is a reasonable prospect of producing suitable scientific aids for such collection.

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[REDACTED] have been advised of the Committee action taken on their proposal.

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d. Collaborated with the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) in advising the IAC of a set of unique and unusual circumstances relating to a possible connection between the guided missile and atomic energy development programs.

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e. The Chairman has established formal and informal channels of communication [REDACTED] for coordinating on guided missile intelligence matters.

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f. Advised the Chairman, IAC, on a current basis, of significant developments in foreign guided missile programs.

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g. Established operational liaison with the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and arranged administrative procedures for coordination.

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h. Acquired pertinent US guided missile data for assistance in evaluating foreign guided missile information.

4. In making a prediction of future operations of GMIC, we will require direct information on the types, characteristics, and numbers of missiles being developed and produced by the Soviets. At the present time, certain technical collection methods appear to be important means of supplementing existing intelligence collection capabilities.

5. GMIC will pursue a vigorous program of advising the IAC regarding guided missile intelligence collection requirements and will continue to provide guidance to collectors as required.

6. GMIC will, as a matter of the highest priority, continue providing the Chairman, IAC, with current information relative to significant developments in foreign guided missile programs.

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